

2013 Needs Assessment for Autauga County

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Accomplishments

The Autauga County Children's Policy Council is proud to report the following accomplishments during the 2012-2013 year:

1. Organized a Mayoral debate during recent election, which was open to the public
2. Set up a publicity table at the Autauga County Fair promoting the work of the CPC
3. Developed a new and updated website for the Autauga County CPC
4. Arranged for distracted driver presentations to be conducted in county schools
5. Brought in a nationally renowned presenter to speak at two venues open free to the public, known as Celebrate Calm Event, which was regarding parenting
6. Hosted a regional workshop conducted by the State Department of Children's Affairs
7. Set up a publicity table at the Prattville CityFest promoting the work of the CPC
8. Applied for and was awarded a Service League Grant
9. Member agencies of the CPC submitted articles that were published in the local newspaper iterating the agencies involvement with the CPC and ultimately encouraging involvement in the CPC
10. Partnered with Alagrant to help maximize the CPC's awareness of and application for any and all available grants or funding
11. The Health Committee has partnered with the Billingsley school and begun work to create a "Community Garden" on the campus to help educate children about where food comes from and healthy eating education. In addition a grant was applied for and awarded in the terms of equipment needed to complete this project.
12. The Education Committee applied for and received a grant from the Autauga Area Community

Foundation to enroll 500 children in the Reach out and Read program. The committee also supplied bookmarks and brochures for Head Start Programs and YMCA day camps

13. Several bullying presentations were conducted throughout Autauga County schools through the PASS organization.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Early Care & Education - Public awareness on the benefits of early learning to include summer learning loss and the importance of reading on grade level by end of 3rd grade.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| United Way, Family Support Center, Mary's Haven, Grace Place, Pastors (rural and urban), Autaugaville & Billingsley Headstart Centers (distribute information to parents), Rural Health Clinics, Pre-K/Elementary Schools, DHR, The Technology Center, Boys & Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, ADPH, Ellis Counseling, Prattville Progress, Autauga County Extension Office, Pediatricians/Doctors Offices, other Pre-K sites, Library | HIPPY, Transportation, Parents as Teachers, Funding for Reach Out and Read, Funding for printing of bookmarks and brochure. |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Funding for printing of brochure and other public awareness pieces that focus on the benefits of early learning to be distributed throughout the county

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Safety-Create a public awareness campaign on distracted driving, particularly related to teenagers.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| Autauga County Board of Education, Law Enforcement Agencies, Game Wardens, Insurance Companies, Local Civic Groups, Youth Ministers, Educationally Related Websites (ex. ItCanWait.com) | Lack of local awareness (parents), Lack of funds, Volunteers, Printed Educational Material, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Public awareness campaign on distracted driving and it's affect on our children/youth.
2. Apply for grant funding to create printed pieces that deal with this issue to be distributed around the county
3. Identify trained volunteers to present programs at churches and schools on distracted driving

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Childhood Obesity - Continue "Healthy Choices Grows Healthy Students" public awareness campaign to encourage heart healthy eating patterns and activity.

| Existing resources available to help meet this need include: | Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: |
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| Alabama Department of Public Health, Autauga County Extension Office, Child Nutrition Program Director, and Autauga County Board of Education, Boys & Girls Clubs, Big Brother/Big Sister, YMCA, Youth Leadership, DHR (information for applying for Public Assistance), Master Gardeners | Not enough volunteers Funding |

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Cultivate speakers and volunteers for the after school programs who can present activities geared around physical fitness and nutrition
2. Continue and expand to other schools if possible the Community Garden Project that has already begun at Billingsley school.